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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 4702

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, PFOR, CB, FR

SUBJ: FRENCH EVACUATING NEARLY ALL PERSONNEL

REF: PHNOM PENH 4620

1. HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED (AFTERNOON MARCH 15) MARCH 15) BY FRENCH CHARGE PAVEC THAT HE HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS TO CLOSE "THE DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY SECTIONS" OF THE FRENCH MISSION AND ONLY LEAVE BEHIND A SMALL CONSULAR STAFF AND CUSTODIAN LOOKING AFTER CULTURAL AFFAIRS. FRENCH MEDICAL STAFF AT CALMETTE HOSPITAL ALSO WILL REMAIN "FOR THE TIME BEING". THE FRENCH STAFF WILL LEAVE PHNOM PENH SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR MONDAY, MARCH 16 AND 17, RESPECTIVELY, VIA SPECAIL TRANSVAL PLANE FLOWN IN FROM PARIS. THE PLANE (A 60 PASSENGER TURBO-PROP) WILL SHUTTLE BETWEEN BANGKOK AND PHNOM PENH UNTIL ALL FRENCH CITIZENS WHO WISH TO LEAVE CAMBODIA HAVE DEPARTED.

2. PAVEC SAID THAT FRENCH DECISION TO WITHDRAW THEIR DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY STAFFS FROM PHNOM PENH WILL PROBABLY AFFECT KHMER MORALE ADVERSELY AS WELL AS SOME DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WHICH ARE STILL REPRESENTED HERE. DECISION TO CURTAIL DRASTICALLY FRENCH PRESENCE
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IN CAMBODIA CAME VERY SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY, ACCORDING

TO FRENCH CHARGE.
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